



SEA ICE IS FROZEN OCEAN WATER THAT IS TYPICALLY COVERED WITH SNOW FOR MOST OF THE YEAR. IT'S IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT HELPS US MODERATE GLOBAL CLIMATE AND KEEPS THE POLAR REGIONS COOL. READ ABOUT WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE CHIEF SCIENTIST FOR THE NATIONAL ICE CENTER: SCIJINKS.GOV/ICE-CENTER

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
			ATS-1 weather satellite was launched (1966)			
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	The first polar-orbiting environmental satellite, NOAA-1, was launched (1970)	Ozone-measuring NOAA-9 satellite was launched (1984)				
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Orville and Wilbur Wright made the first powered flight after consultation with the U.S. Weather Bureau (1903)				Winter Solstice (winter begins)		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
				Endangered Species Act enacted in 1973. A NOAA partnership allows scientists to use satellites to track certain endangered animals.		
31	Christmas Day					

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